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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: J. Randall Hall

Examiner: Willmon Fridie, Jr.

Serial No: 10/721,539

Group Art Unit: 3722

Filed: November 25, 2003

Date: January 3, 2005

For: "TUBE MILLING METHOD"

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Sir:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which might be required or credit any overpayment of fees with regard to the attached documents to Deposit Account No. 08-3150.

Respectfully submitted,

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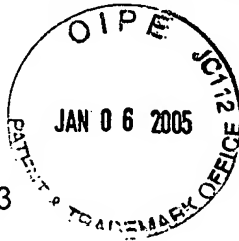
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In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2004, Applicant responds as follows: